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For: DATA RECORDING METHOD,)	Confirmation No.: 1054
DATA RECORDING APPARATUS)	
AND IMAGE PICK-UP)	
APPARATUS)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents and their English translations and/or English abstracts are attached. A copy of the U.S. patent publication is not attached. The listed documents were cited in a Communication and Search Report from the European Patent Office and a copy is also attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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